

## Senior Years : Hinamatsuri Dolls



*From left to right:*

*Top tier: Ashlin 6CV (Emperor); Amaani 6CV (Empress);  
Yasmin 6CV (Princess)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> tier – Court Ladies*

*Annika 5CK; Happy 5AH; Ella 5AH*

*3<sup>rd</sup> tier – Musicians*

*Shayla 6LH; Lauren 5CK; Emma 6CV; Amy 5CK; Campbell 6LH*

*4<sup>th</sup> tier – Ministers*

*Jai 5CK; Skyler 5CK*

*5<sup>th</sup> tier – Samurais*

*Daniel 6CV; Kade 6LH; James 6LH*

Hinamatsuri is Doll's Day in Japan and it is celebrated on March the 3<sup>rd</sup> each year. Platforms are used to display the dolls. The Emperor and Empress sit at the top most platform, followed by three court ladies, five musicians, two ministers (who are usually equipped with bows and arrows) and three samurais (who are the protectors of the Emperor). The origin of these dolls dates back to the Heian period, 794 to 1185. Prayers for the safety of children are offered at shrines. After that, the dolls are set afloat on a boat or sent down a river to the sea taking with them, the bad spirits and their troubles. Senior year students looked at a range of Hinamatsuri dolls before constructing their own, using paper with Japanese motifs.



*Carlos 5RD  
Minister Doll*



*Paris 6LH  
Court Lady Doll*



*Sarah 5AH  
Court Lady Doll*



*Lachlan 5CK  
Minister Doll*

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